

Application No. 10/099,640
Response After Final dated April 5, 2006

REMARKS

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over various US patents. For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

When claimed subject matter has been rejected as obvious in view of a combination of prior art references, a proper analysis under §103(a) requires consideration of whether the prior art would have suggested to those of ordinary skill in the art that they should make the claimed invention. *See In re Dow Chemical Co.*, 837 F.2d 469, 473, 5 USPQ2d 1529, 1531 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has failed to point out in any of the obviousness rejections where in the prior art exists the suggestion to combine the teachings of the cited references. The Examiner merely contended that such suggestion existed. However, such contention alone is sufficient to establish the required suggestion.

Additionally, the cited references do not teach or suggest the limitation of "a warning message indicating pending beacon activation is displayed after receiving the first beacon activation command" (see each of independent claims 1, 11, 12, and 22).

The Examiner contended that the van der Pol reference discloses an alarm for indicating a potential or immediate rollover condition and a display for providing vehicle operating conditions. However, none of those display a warning message indicating pending beacon activation. Therefore, the Examiner has not established that the limitation is taught or suggested by the cited references.

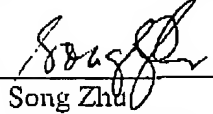
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In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance. If necessary to ensure a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to provide a timely response. Please charge any fees to Deposit Account No. No. 05-0150.

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